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POELLATH advises Equistone Partners Europe on acquisition of eperi GmbH

Funds advised by Equistone Partners Europe (“Equistone”) have acquired a majority stake in eperi GmbH (“eperi”), a leading data security specialist. The sellers were the venture capital companies [Evolution Equity Partners](#) and [btov](#). The new partnership focuses, in particular, on the further scaling and internationalization of the company, as well as a targeted buy-&-build strategy. The founder and CEO of eperi, Elmar Eperiesi-Beck, will continue to lead the company as managing director and will retain a significant stake in the company. The parties have agreed not to disclose the financial details of the transaction. The closing of the transaction took place in February 2022. POELLATH provided comprehensive legal and tax advice to Equistone within the context of the transaction.

Founded in 2014 and based in Pfungstadt, Hesse, [eperi GmbH](#) is a leading provider of cybersecurity solutions for data protection and security in on-premise, hybrid and multi-cloud environments. The company’s international customer base includes (large) companies from the financial, healthcare and industrial sectors. eperi’s solutions enable its customers to use any type of IT infrastructure and software applications in a secure and compliant manner without worrying about data security, compliance and liability.

[Equistone](#) is one of the leading and most active European equity investors with seven offices in the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Its investments focus on established, medium-sized companies with a good market position and above-average growth potential. With more than 170 transactions, the portfolio currently comprises over 50 companies across Europe.

POELLATH provided comprehensive legal and tax advice to Equistone in connection with the acquisition with the following Munich-based team:

- [Dr. Tim Kaufhold](#) (partner, lead, M&A/private equity)
- [Dr. Nico Fischer](#) (partner, lead, tax)
- [Dr. Verena Stenzel](#) (counsel, M&A/private equity)
- [Andreas Kühnert](#) (counsel, M&A/private equity)
- [Dr. Moritz Klein](#) (counsel, M&A/private equity)
- [Nemanja Burgić](#) (senior associate, M&A/private equity)
- [Dr. Manuel Nickel](#) (associate, tax)

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